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Title of Invention: "Method and Apparatus for Comparing Presenting Price Comparison to Prospective Buyers"

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I am looking for an apparatus/method which allows a customer to enter search terms for a desired product. The customer then receives a list of merchants and products so that the customer may compare prices. An important feature of the invention is that the search results also tell the customer which merchants have their respective products in stock so that the customer can go pick up the product in person at the merchant's store. The inventors cite the advantage of preventing merchants from doing "Bait-and-switch." Please keep in mind also that the search constraints typically incorporate a local city or zip code since the customer plans to pick up the desired product in person. I feel that there's a lot of reference out there. I'm thinking that there might be such a system which lets ^{the customer} put a hold on an available product with the intention of picking it up within a given time frame (which is claimed in one of the dependent claims).

Thanks,
Susie

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